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1886 — 75 — 1961

11th and Ferry Streets

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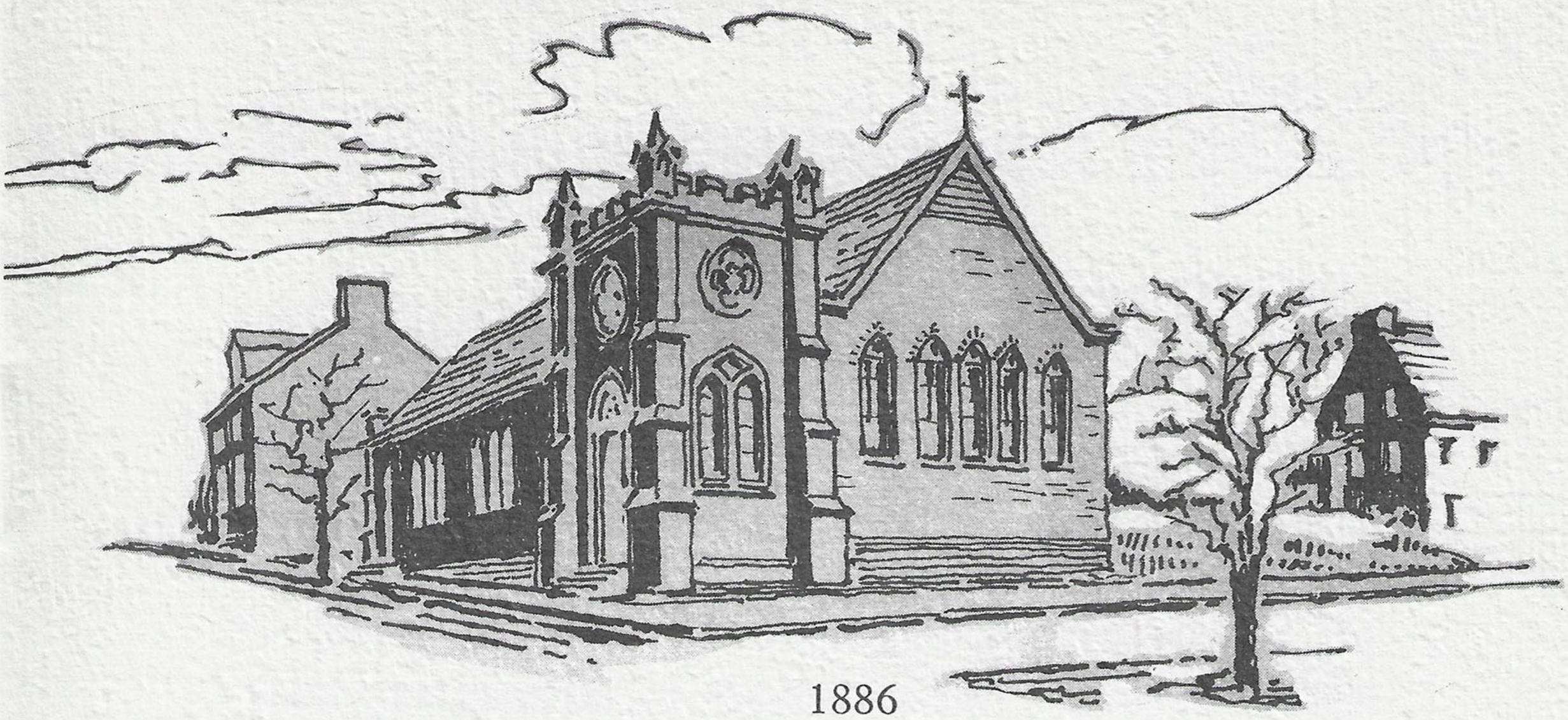

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Seventy-fifth . . .

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

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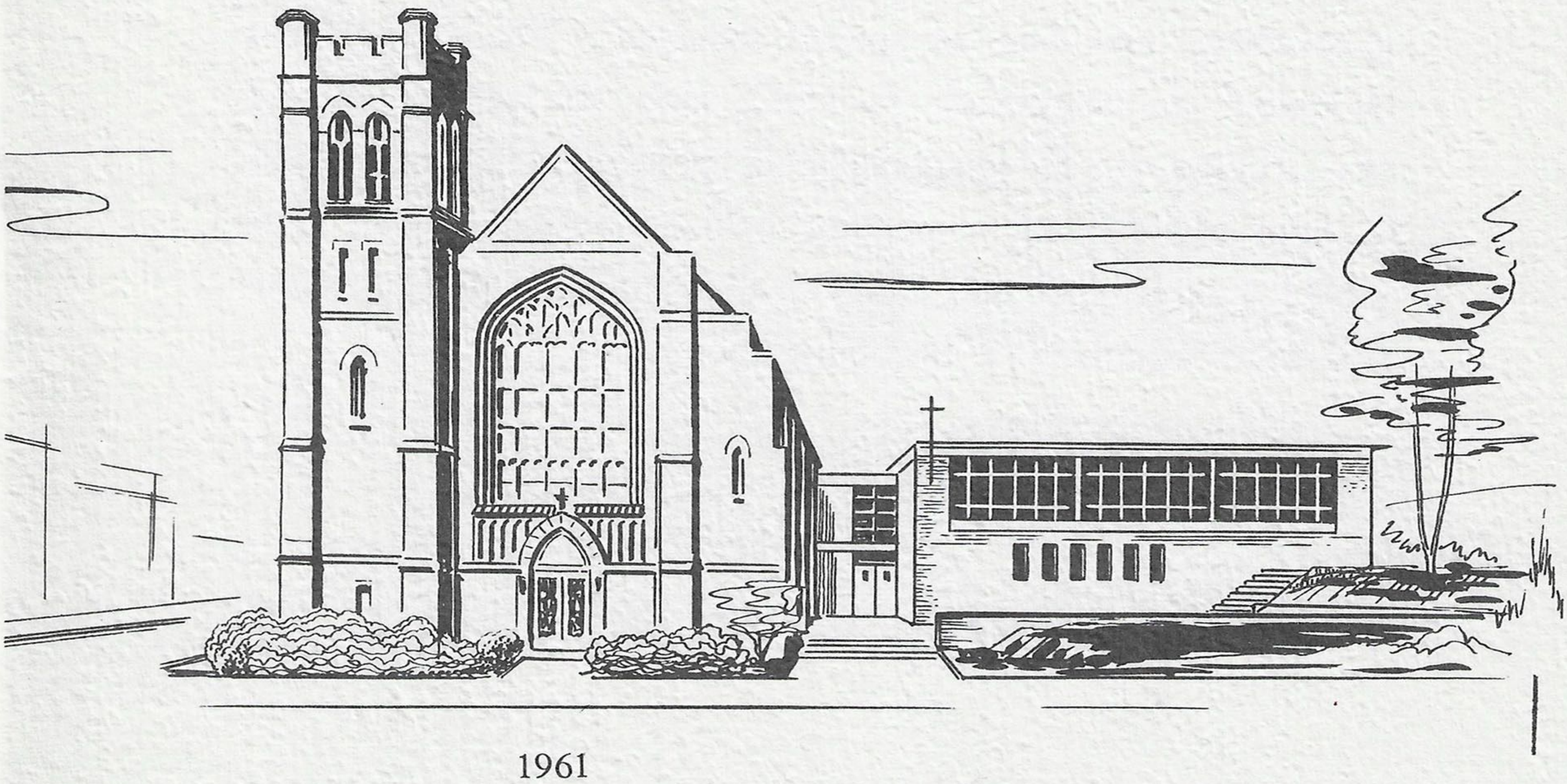

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GROWTH THRU FAITH

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Since 1702 Lutheranism has been a most important part of the religious life of the city of Easton. We at St. Luke's church are proud to have been in existance for 86 of those 259 years. Although our church was not officially organized until 1886 . . . we had been in existence as a Sunday-School since 1875.

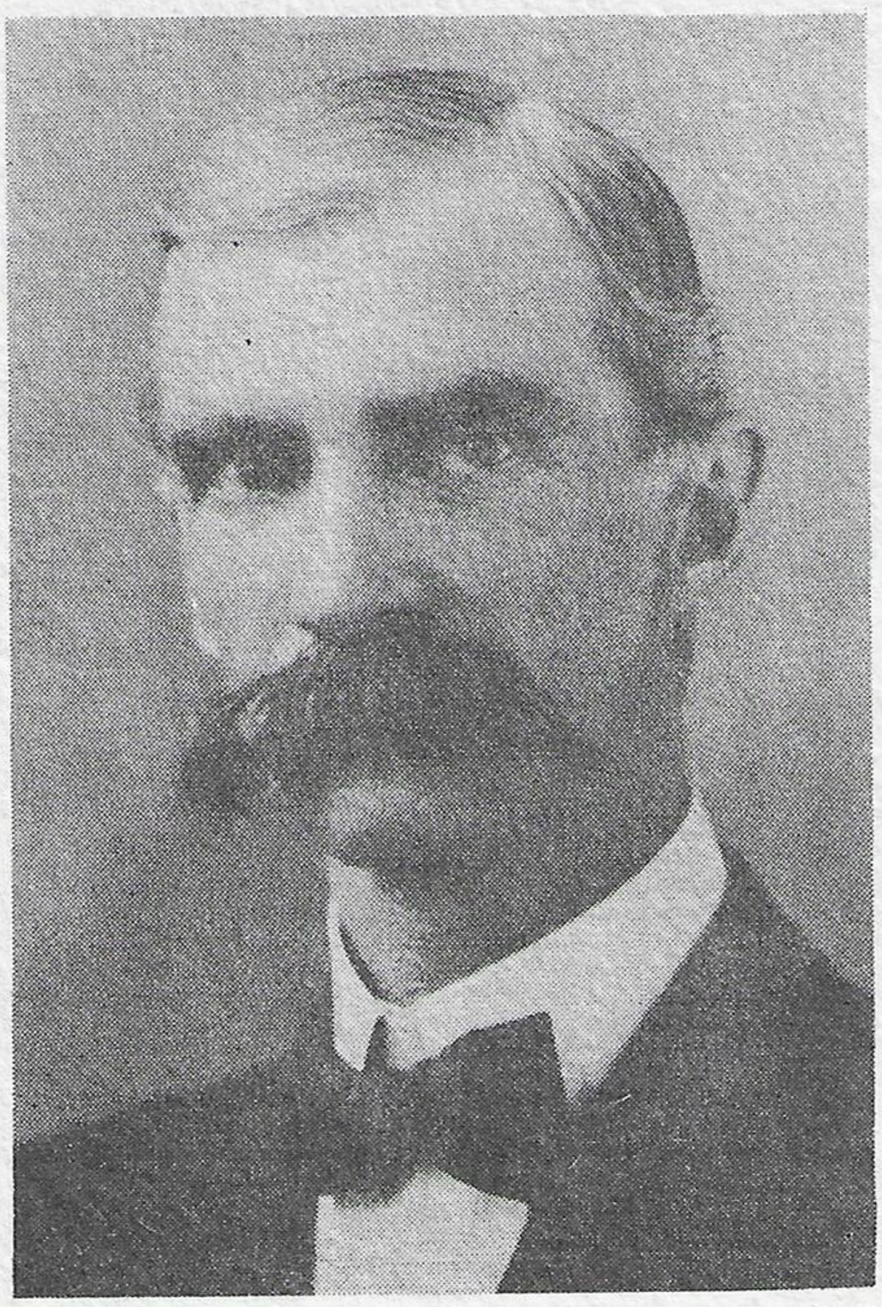
On March 22, 1882, a committee of St. John's Church purchased the lot on which St. Luke's Church now stands for use of St. Luke's. The purchase price was $580.00. On the newly acquired property a frame chapel was erected. The cornerstone was laid at special services. The chapel was dedicated on November 8, 1882, with the pastors of the city officiating. In January, 1886, steps were taken to form a congregation. At a meeting held on January 25 of that year a constitution was adopted and forty-one persons signified their intention of becoming members.

In 1912, additional land was purchased in preparation for the erection of a new church building. The lot purchased cost $840.00. In 1913 the church council was authorized to prepare plans for the contemplated new church. The plans were approved on March 11, 1914. The ground breaking exercises were held on March 25, 1914 . . . the cornerstone was laid August 1, 1915. The first service was held in the lower rooms of the new church on October 8, 1915, the main floor not yet finished or furnished. The building was dedicated on October 15, 1916. The completed church was finally consecrated on Jubilate Sunday, 1923.

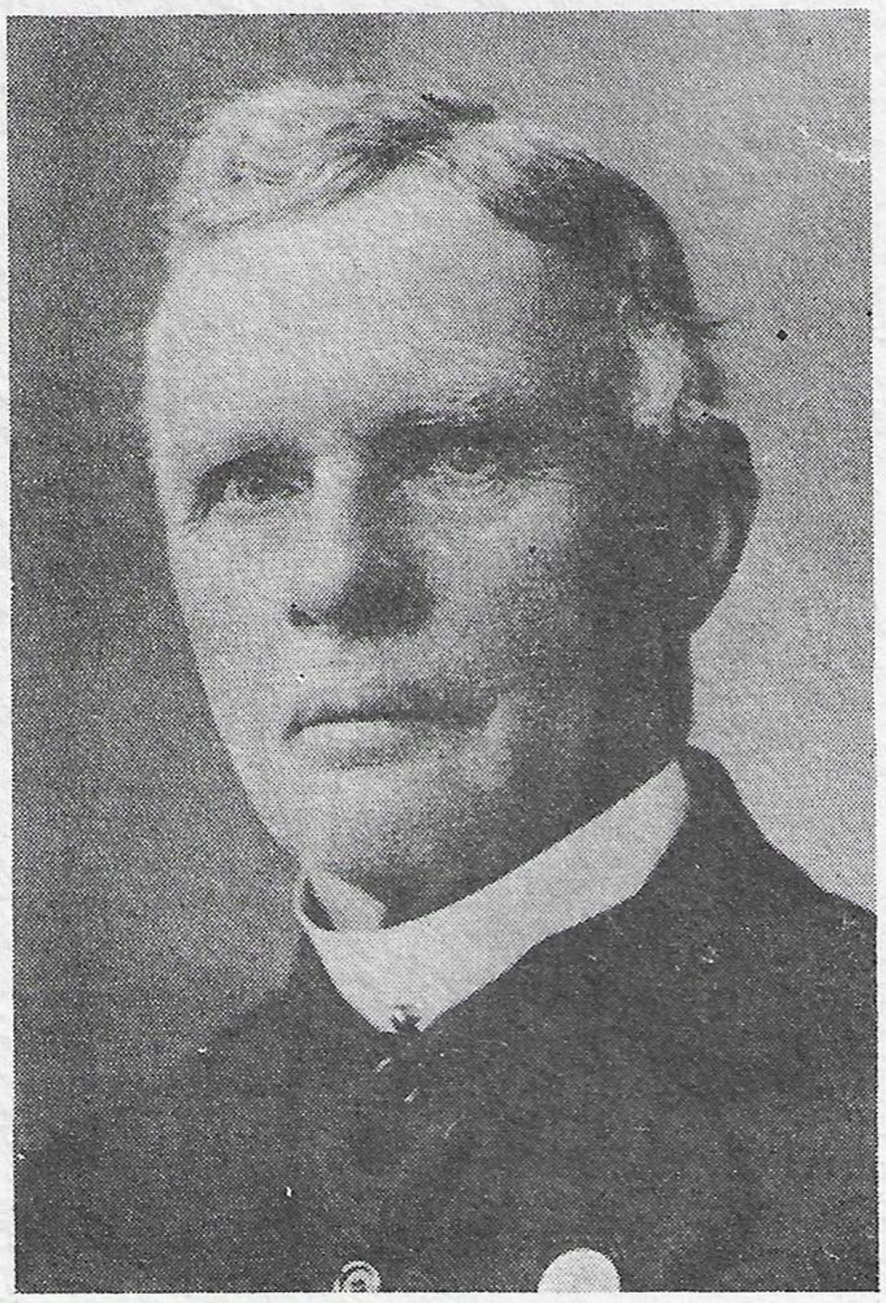
Two years ago the completion of St. Luke's Parish house added yet another step towards the realization of "the growth in faith" and the forward thinking action of our vital congregation. This year we celebrate our 75th Anniversary .

the future of your church is in your hands

out of the past ... pastors who have



Rev. Asher W. Walter
1886 - 1890



Rev. G. G. Kunkle
1891 - 1892

Rev. Alfred M. Stump
1912 - 1918

Rev. Edgar J. Heilman
1918 - 1945

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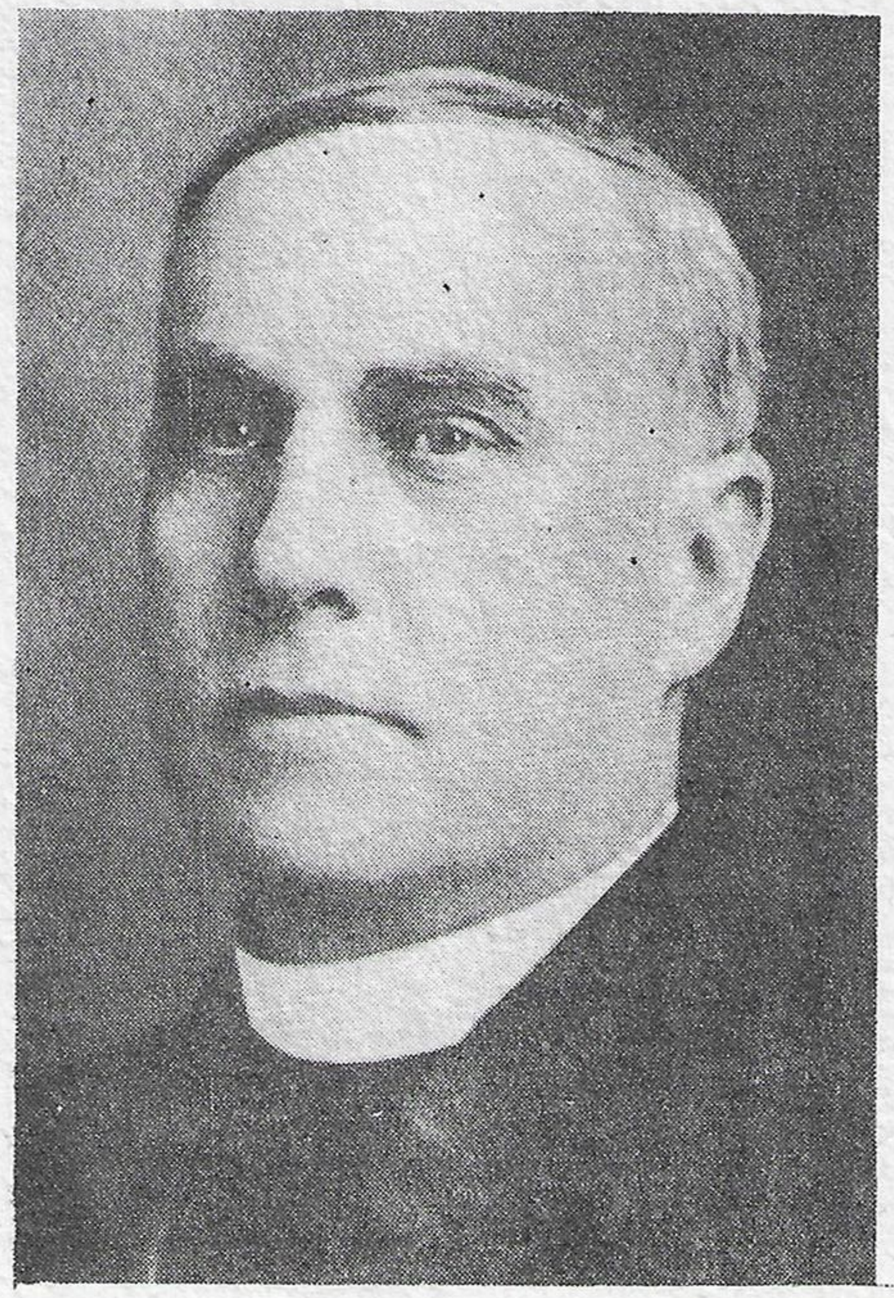
Rev. Ernest Muhlenberg Grahn
1892 - 1904



Rev. Hiram F. J. Seneker
1904 - 1912

Rev. Samuel C. Jaxheimer
1946 - 1955

Rev Robert Nelson
1955 - 1959

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ACTIVITIES . . .

How many of these organizations working for you do you belong to?

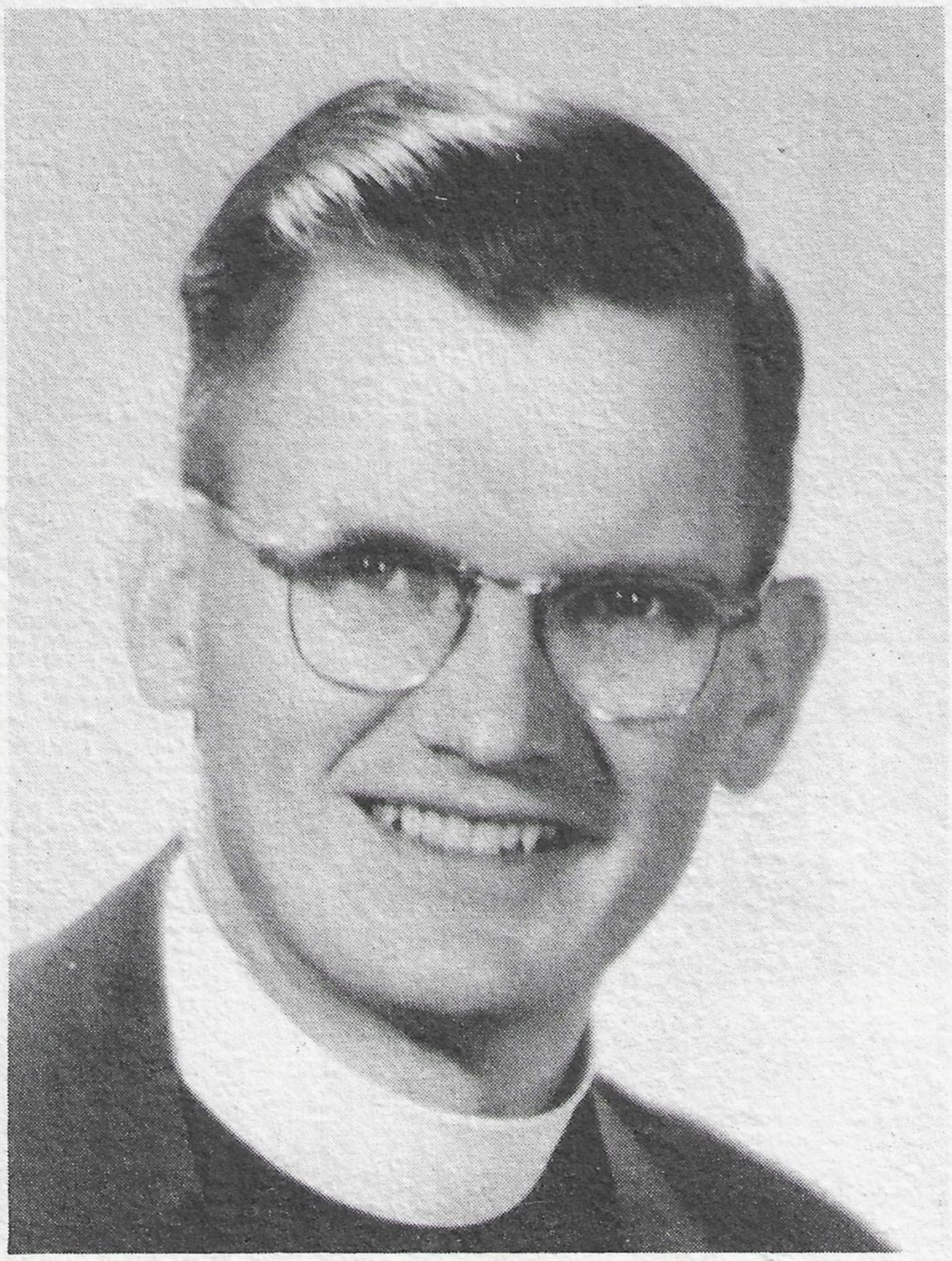
Joining and serving can mean a real blessing

▲ the CHURCH

- SUNDAY SCHOOL
- LUTHER LEAGUE
- JUNIOR CHOIR
- CUBS SCOUTS
- YOUTH CHOIR
- SENIOR CHOIR
- MARRIED COUPLES
- NURSERY
- UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
- CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION
- NURSERY
- BROWNIES
- USHER ASSN.
- BOY SCOUTS
- ACOLYTE GROUP

JOIN IN THIS VENTURE OF FAITH NOW!

THE FUTURE OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH IN THE SERVICE OF GOD IS IN *Your* HANDS.



Greetings!

On this Anniversary occasion we look back upon the years of glorious service to God and the community rendered by St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Her Pastors have served many people in joy and sorrow from birth to death.

By December 1960: 1443 Baptisms, 1290 Confirmations, 691 Marriages, and 1039 Funerals have been performed. It is now our earnest wish that we shall be continuing to serve people well for many years to come, that God may be glorified in the lives of His saints.

In His Service,

Pastor Lukens

75th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

JANUARY 22, 1961, 10:45 A. M.

Guest Speakers

The Rev. P. Unks and Geehr,

Sons of the Church

JANUARY 22, 1961, 3:00 P. M.

Guest Speakers

Rev. Samuel Jaxheimer and

Rev. Robert Nelson

(Former pastors of St. Luke's)

JANUARY 25, 1961, 6:00 P. M.

The Annual Congregational

Dinner and Meeting

Guest Speaker

Rev. Luther N. Schaeffer

JANUARY 29, 1961, 10:00 A. M.

Guest Speaker

Rev. Donald R. Pichaske

Editor, Board of Parish Education

Acolytes for the services will be:

Stanley Leas, James Flowers, Stephen Homoki

Organist: Mrs. K. Shafer

The Rev. E. Lukens, Pastor

OUR NEW PARISH HOUSE, COMPLETED 1958

A final word of thanks . . .

To all who contributed to making our 75th Anniversary Program so successful . . . to all of those whose dream of a greater St. Luke's Church became a reality . . . and to all of the future generations to come . . . who will make our church the focal point of their religious life . . . we extend our sincere appreciation.